



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: March 2, 2015
Agenda Item #: 9e

TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Kevin Dempsey, Fire Chief
THUR: Susan Parker, Town Administrator
TITLE: **BEACH PATROL OPERATION**
ATTACH: Calendar and Job Description

Summary: Proposed Beach Patrol Operation changes to provide better service for the strand patrons.

Background: In the past, Beach Patrol has contacted 911 for all medical calls on the strand and the Sunset Beach Fire Department Personnel were dispatched to respond.

Discussion: As discussed during the February Planning Session, I recommend that the Beach Patrol Operations including staffing become a division of the Sunset Beach Fire Department. Trained emergency medical technicians will assume the roles and responsibilities of the Beach Patrol including: code enforcement, locking/unlocking, periodic check and cleaning of the restrooms, trash removal and equipment maintenance in addition to providing medical assistance to Strand patrons.

Fiscal/Policy Implication(s): The ATV's that we currently own have been delivered to the repair shop for annual maintenance. Upon inspection, we found several issues with 2 of the 3 ATV's and these issues have been brought to the attention of the repair shop. If the repair estimate amounts are greater than the actual ATV value the recommendation will be to replace the ATV. Below is the listing of equipment that needs to be purchased prior to this season:

Utility vehicle with medical transport bed -	\$18,000
Rescue style long board -	\$ 1,000
ATV -	<u>\$ 6,200</u>
Total	\$25,200

Legal Implication(s): Converting the Beach Patrol Operation to a division of the Fire Department does not increase the Town's liability exposure.

Recommendation: Motion to:

- Approve the Beach Patrol Operation as a division of the Fire Department; and
- Approve the Beach Patrol Job Description; and
- Eliminate the Beach Patrol Supervisor Job Description; and
- Appropriate up to \$25,200 for the purchase of the necessary equipment prior to July 1st.